

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for negotiating acquisition of telematic data originating from at least one vehicle traveling along a traffic route, the system comprising:

a system node ~~providing~~ transmitting a first polling signal ~~including, which includes~~ a first offer, to the vehicle, for purchase of telematic data from the vehicle; and

a probe detector on the at least one vehicle, collecting telematic data and responsive to the first polling signal, the probe detector comparing the first offer to a selling price of the telematic data collected by the probe detector and, only if the first offer at least equals the selling price, transmitting an availability signal, including an assent to sale of at least some of the telematic data collected, to the system node.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the system node, upon receiving the availability signal ~~of~~ from the probe detector, transmits a release signal to the probe detector in response, and the probe detector transmits at least some of the telematic data to the system node in response to the release signal.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the system node provides a content credit to the probe detector in exchange for transmission of the telematic data from the probe detector to the system node.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the system node transmits traffic information to the at least one vehicle in exchange for a content credit.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the system node includes a predictive traffic model for forecasting traffic and providing a traffic forecast ~~as traffic information~~ to a user interface of the at least one vehicle.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, including a telematic base exchanging telematic data with the system node and including a model for forecasting traffic based on the telematic data.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the telematic base includes a predictive traffic model for forecasting traffic and providing a traffic forecast ~~as traffic information~~ to a user interface of the at least one vehicle.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, including a point detector fixed in location along the traffic route and collecting and supplying traffic data to the system node.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, comprising an enabling device on the at least one vehicle enabling reception of the first polling signal by the probe detector only when the at least one vehicle is operating.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, if the first offer does not at least equal the selling price, the probe detector does not transmit the availability signal and the system node transmits a second polling signal with a second offer larger than the first offer.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for negotiating acquisition of telematic data originating from a plurality of vehicles traveling along traffic routes, the system comprising:

a plurality of system nodes ~~providing~~ transmitting respective first polling signals ~~including, which include~~ respective first offers, to the plurality of vehicles, for purchasing telematic data from at least some of the plurality of vehicles; and

a respective probe detector on each of the plurality of vehicles, the probe detectors being responsive to the first polling signals of the system nodes within respective reception regions of the system nodes, the probe detectors comparing the first offers to respective selling prices of the telematic data collected by the probe detectors and only the probe detectors in which the first offers at least equal the selling prices transmit availability signals, including an assent to sale of at least some of the telematic data collected, to the system nodes sending the corresponding first polling signals.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the system nodes, upon receiving any availability signals from respective probe detectors, transmit a release signal to at least some of the probe detectors in response and may withhold transmitting release signals.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the system nodes, upon receiving the availability signals, if any, transmit second polling signals including second offers, different from the first offers, and the probe detectors receiving the second polling signal, compare the second offers to the respective selling prices, and only the probe detectors in which the second offers at least equal the selling prices transmit availability signals.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the second offer is of greater value than the first offer.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the second offer is of smaller value than the first offer.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12, including a telematic base exchanging telematic data with the system nodes and including a model for forecasting traffic based on the telematic data.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of negotiating an exchange of telematic data comprising:

~~providing~~transmitting a first polling signal from a system node to a vehicle including a probe detector collecting telematic data and traveling on a traffic route, the first polling signal including a first offer;

comparing a selling price of the telematic data collected by the probe detector with the first offer, and

only if the first offer at least equals the selling price, transmitting an availability signal from the probe detector, ~~and the availability signal~~ including an assent to sale of at least some of the telematic data collected, to the system node ~~in response to the polling signal~~.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, comprising:

receiving the availability signal at the system node; and

selectively transmitting one of a release signal and a second polling signal from the system node in response to the received availability signal, the release signal indicating acceptance of the sale of at least some of the telematic data, and the second polling signal including a second offer, different from the first offer.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, comprising:

receiving a release signal of the system node at the probe detector; and

transmitting at least some of the telematic data from the probe detector to the system node in response to the release signal, the system node providing a content credit in exchange for the telematic data transmitted..

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the system node includes a predictive traffic model for forecasting traffic and including transmitting a traffic forecast to a user interface of the vehicle in exchange for a content credit from the vehicle.